

FIG. 1A
(PRIOR ART)

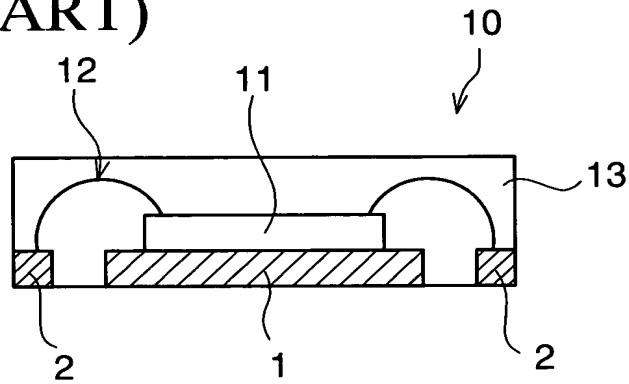


FIG. 1B
(PRIOR ART)

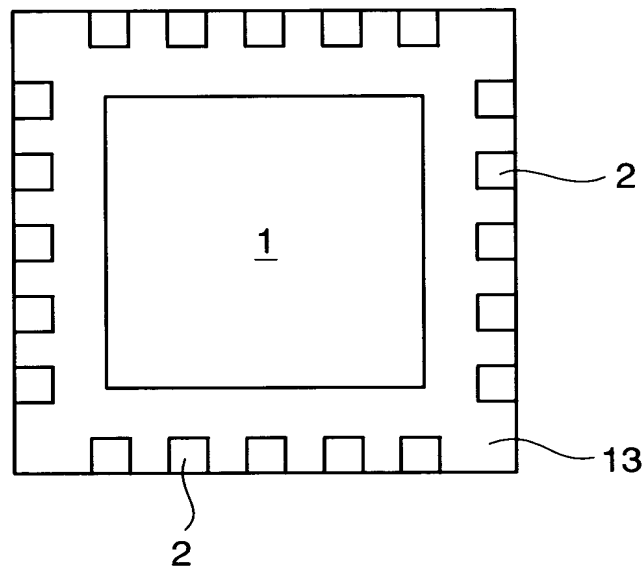


FIG. 2A
(PRIOR ART)

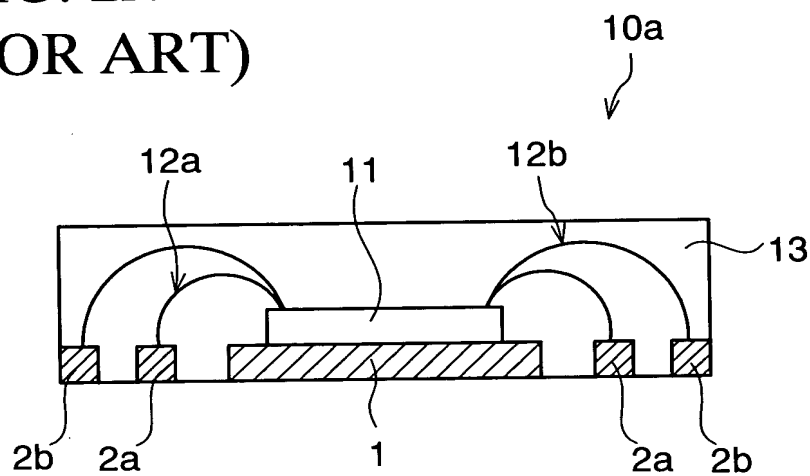


FIG. 2B
(PRIOR ART)

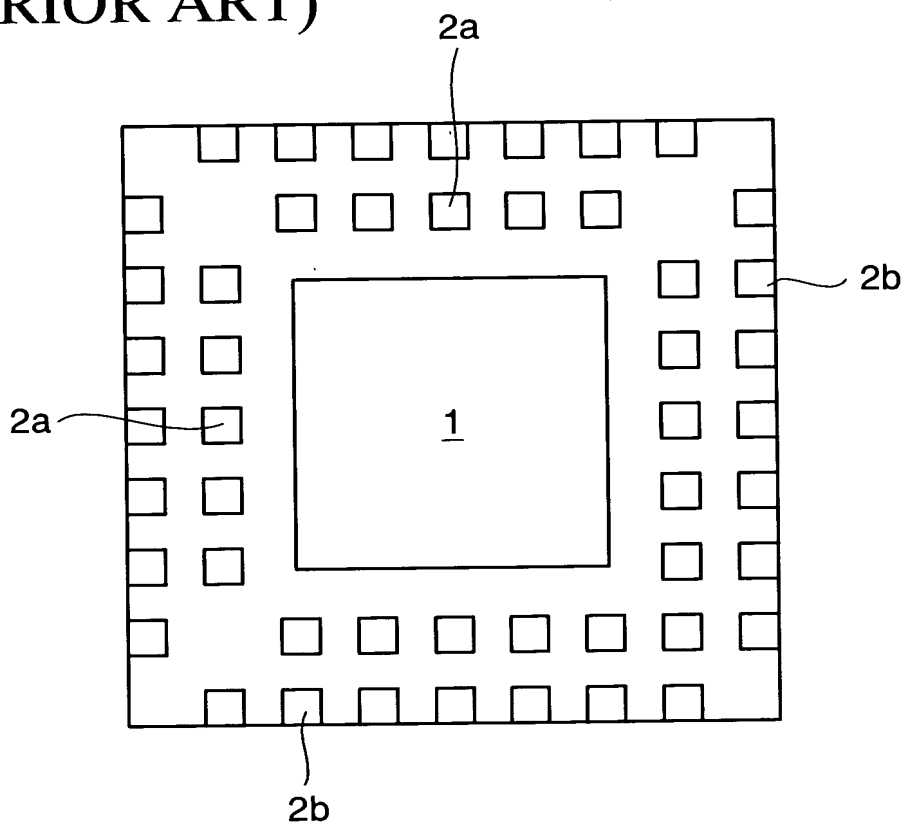


FIG. 3A

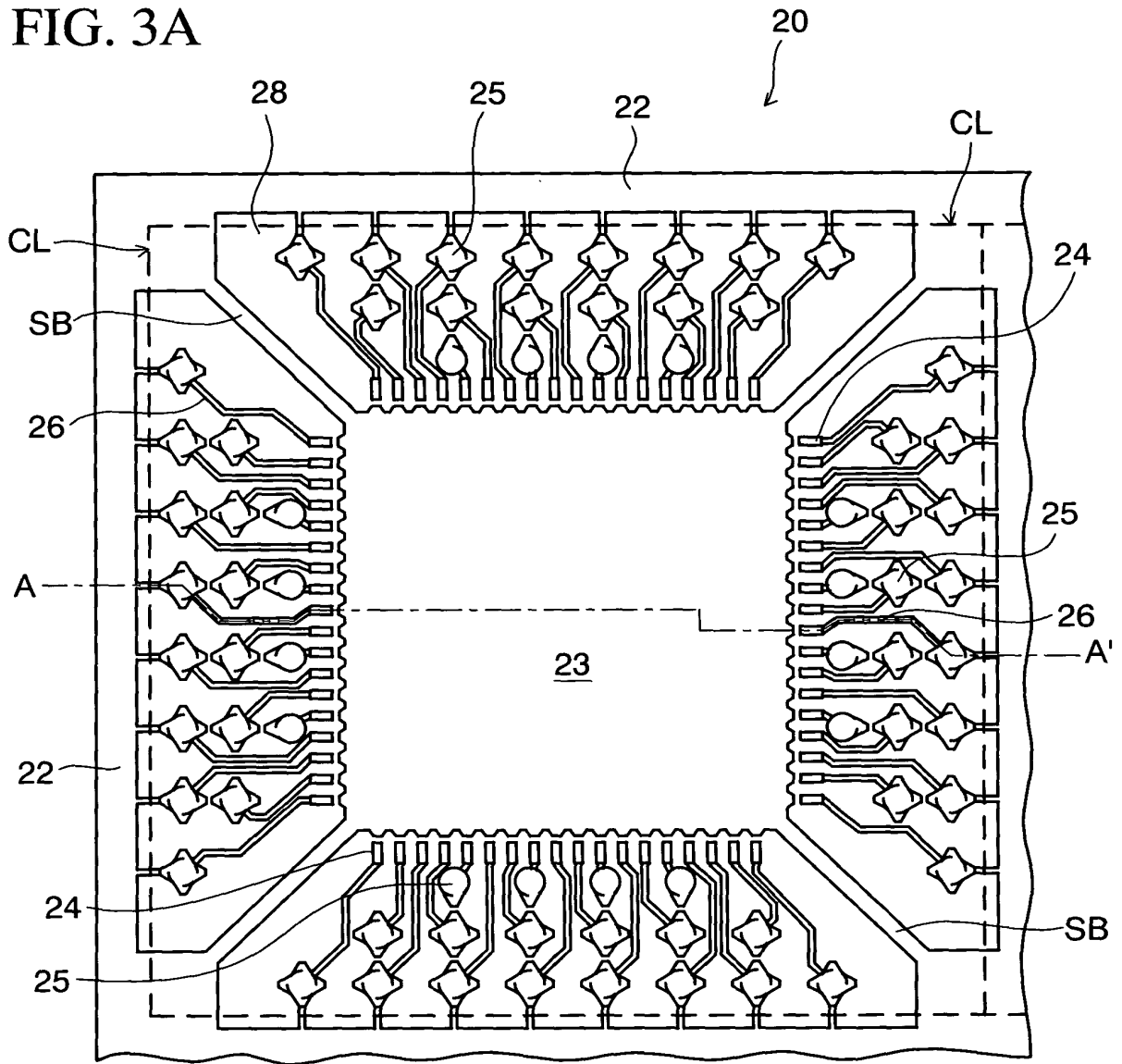


FIG. 3B

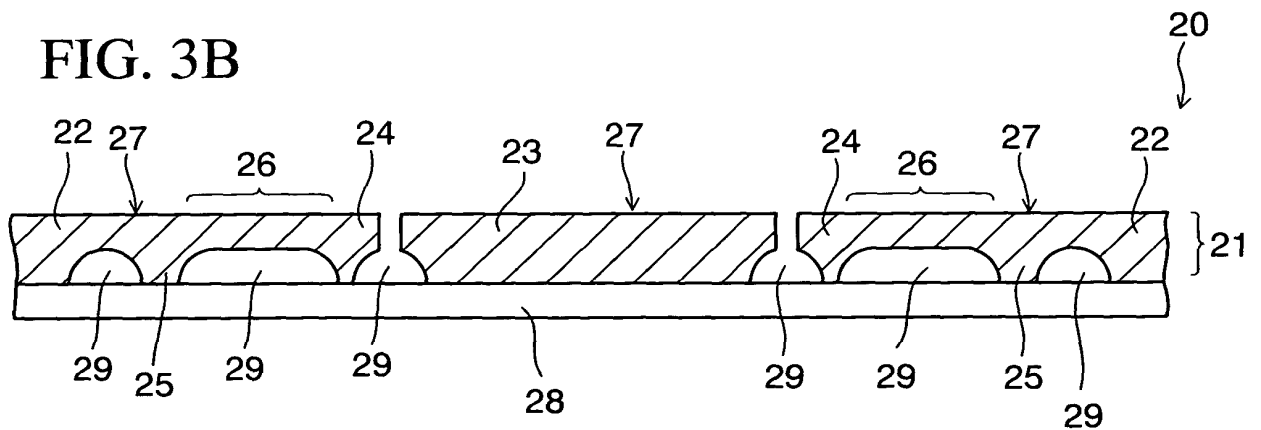


FIG. 4

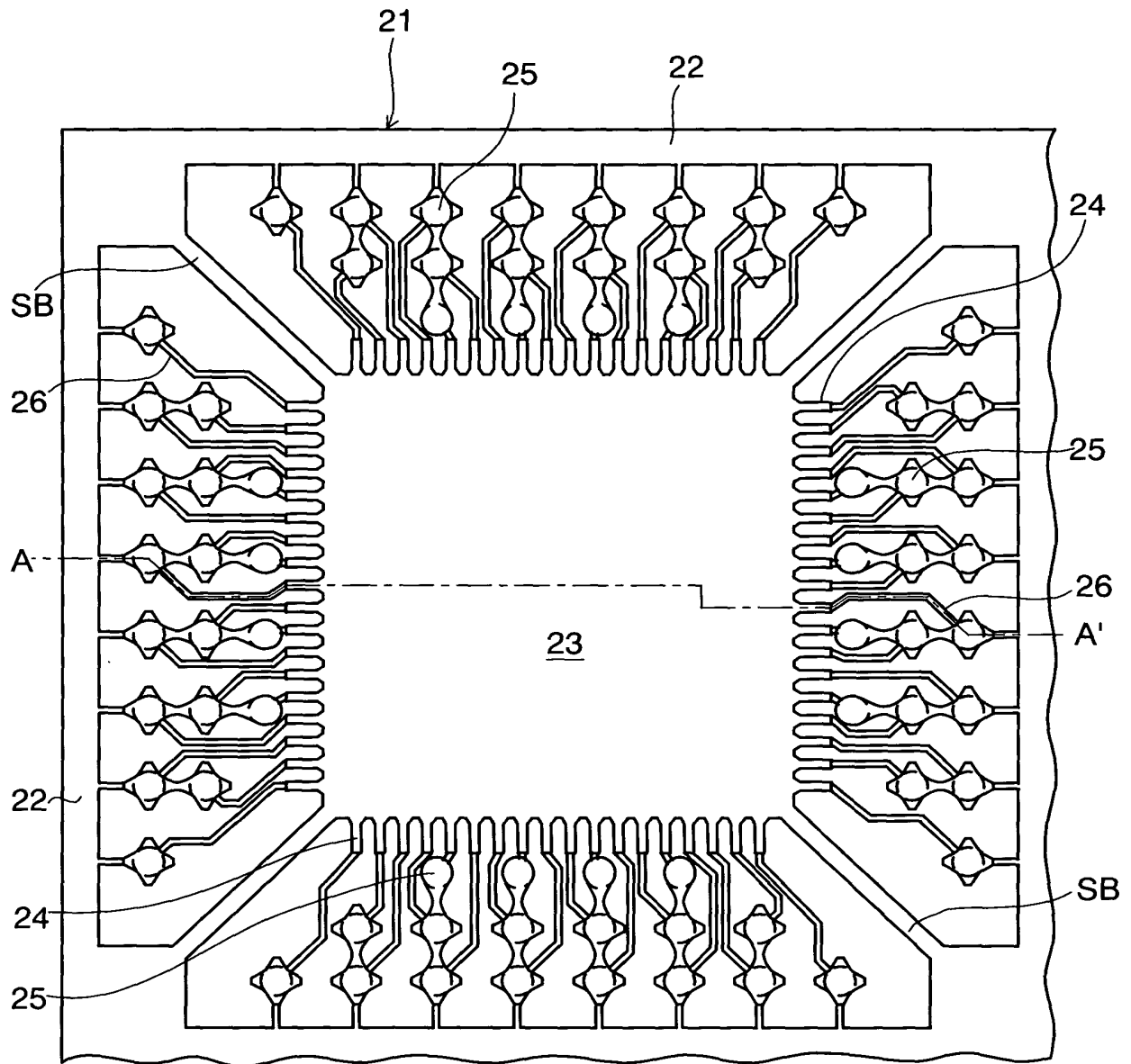


FIG. 5D

FIG. 5D is a cross-sectional view of a segmented strip assembly 20. The assembly consists of a series of segments 21 separated by gaps 23. Each segment 21 includes a base layer 28 and a top layer 22. Within each segment, there are three semi-circular features 29. The segments are connected by a central layer 26. The gaps 23 are filled with a material 27. The entire assembly is shown in a perspective view.

FIG. 6A

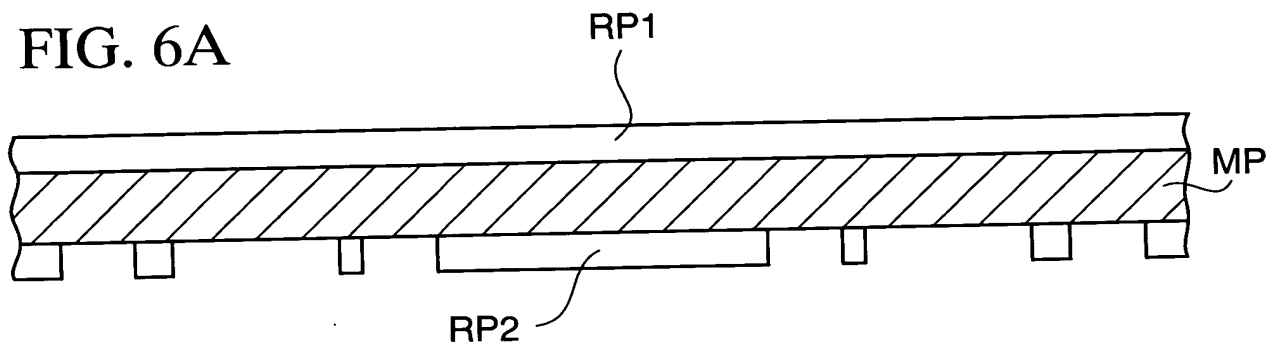


FIG. 6B

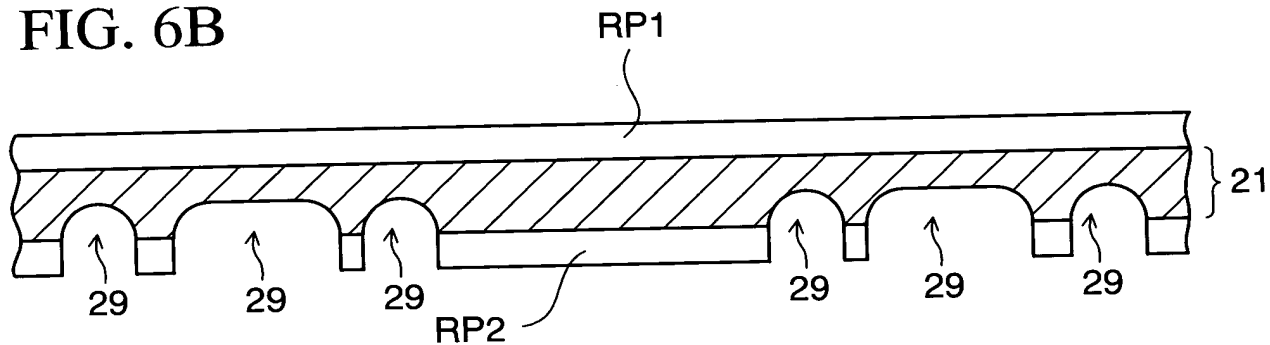


FIG. 6C

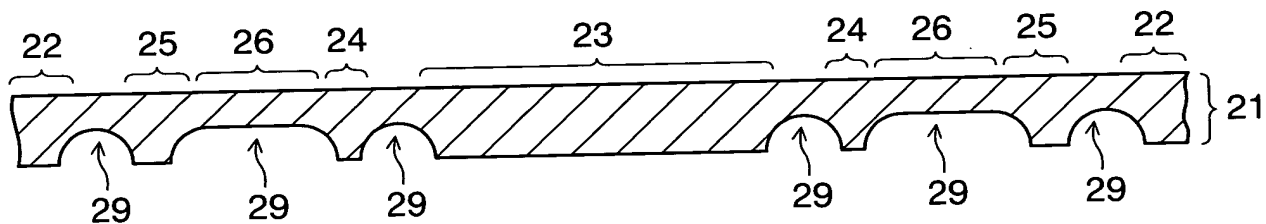


FIG. 7A

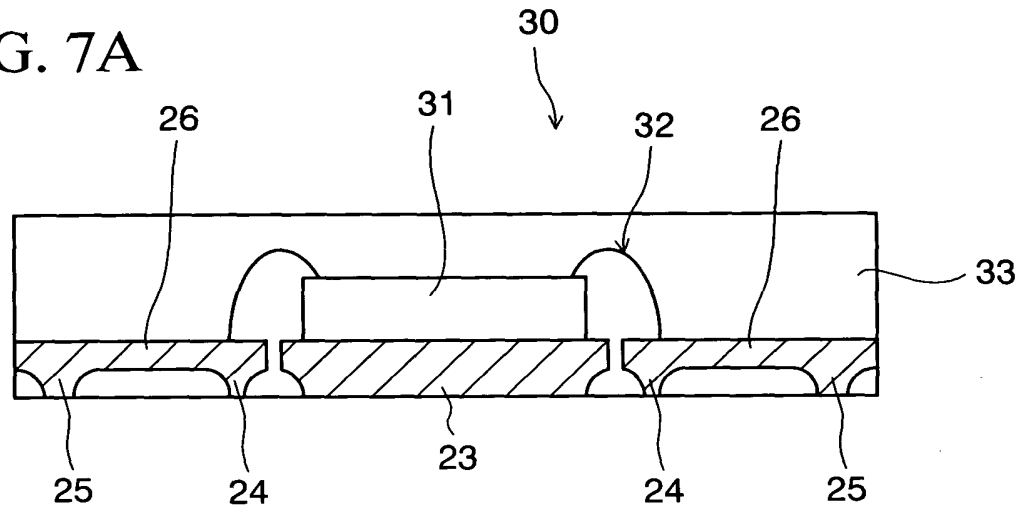
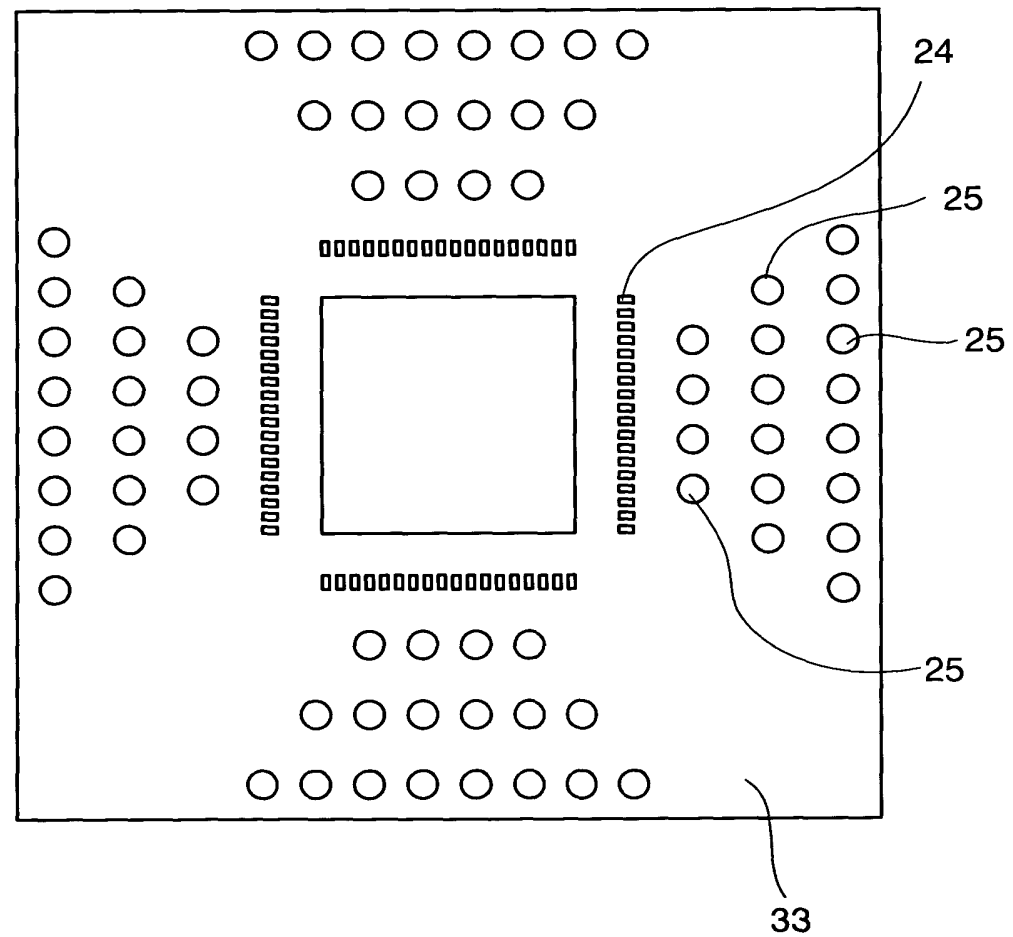


FIG. 7B



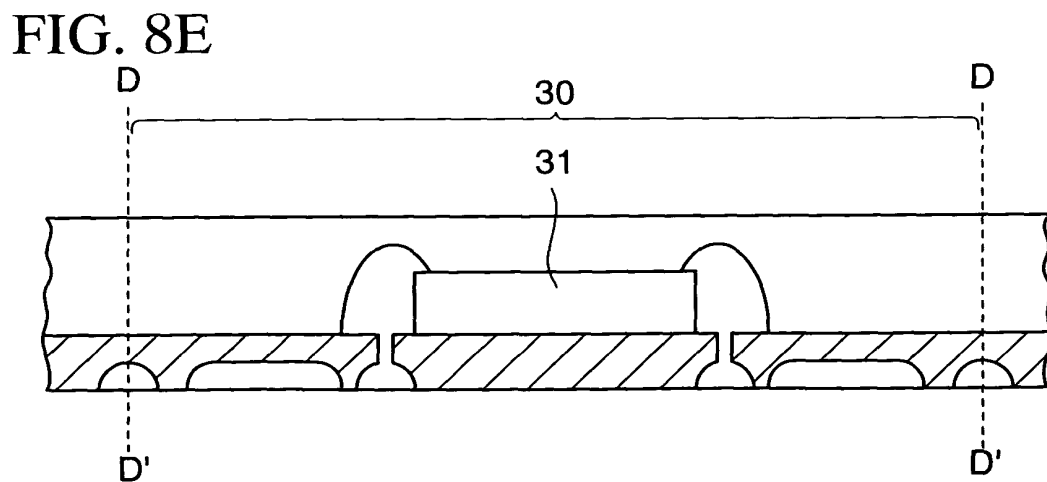
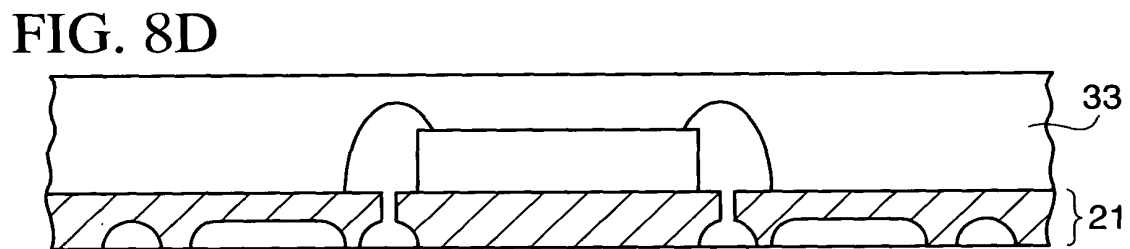
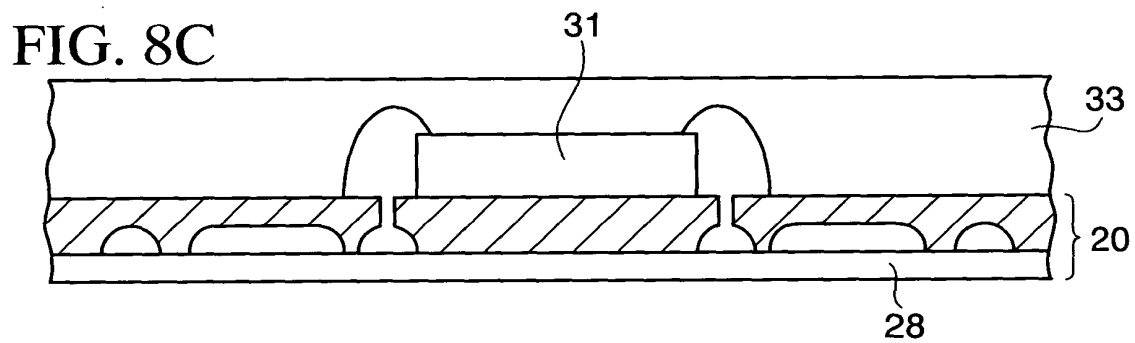
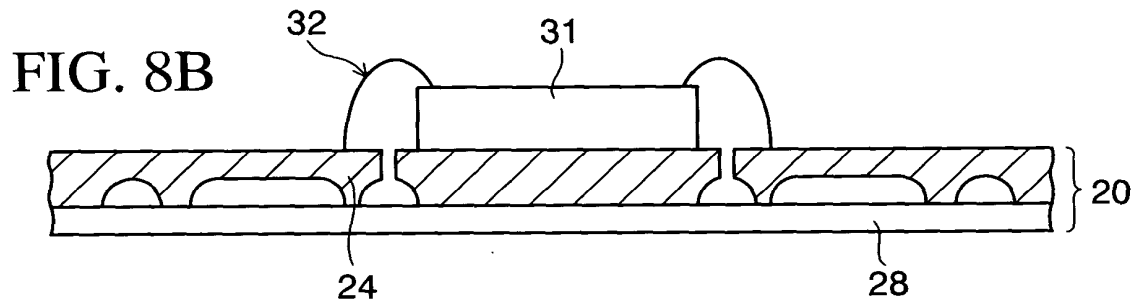
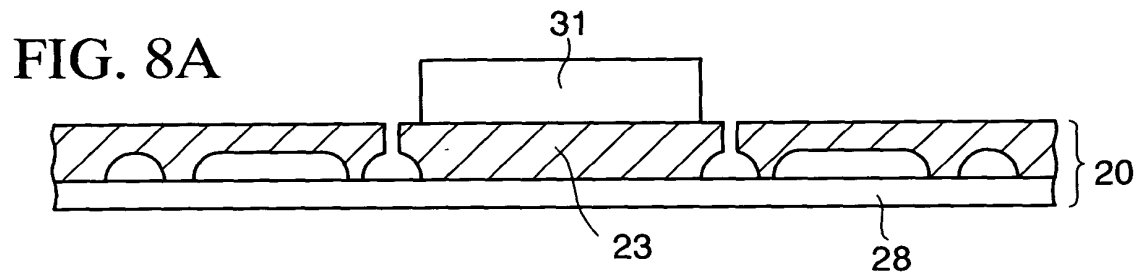


FIG. 9A

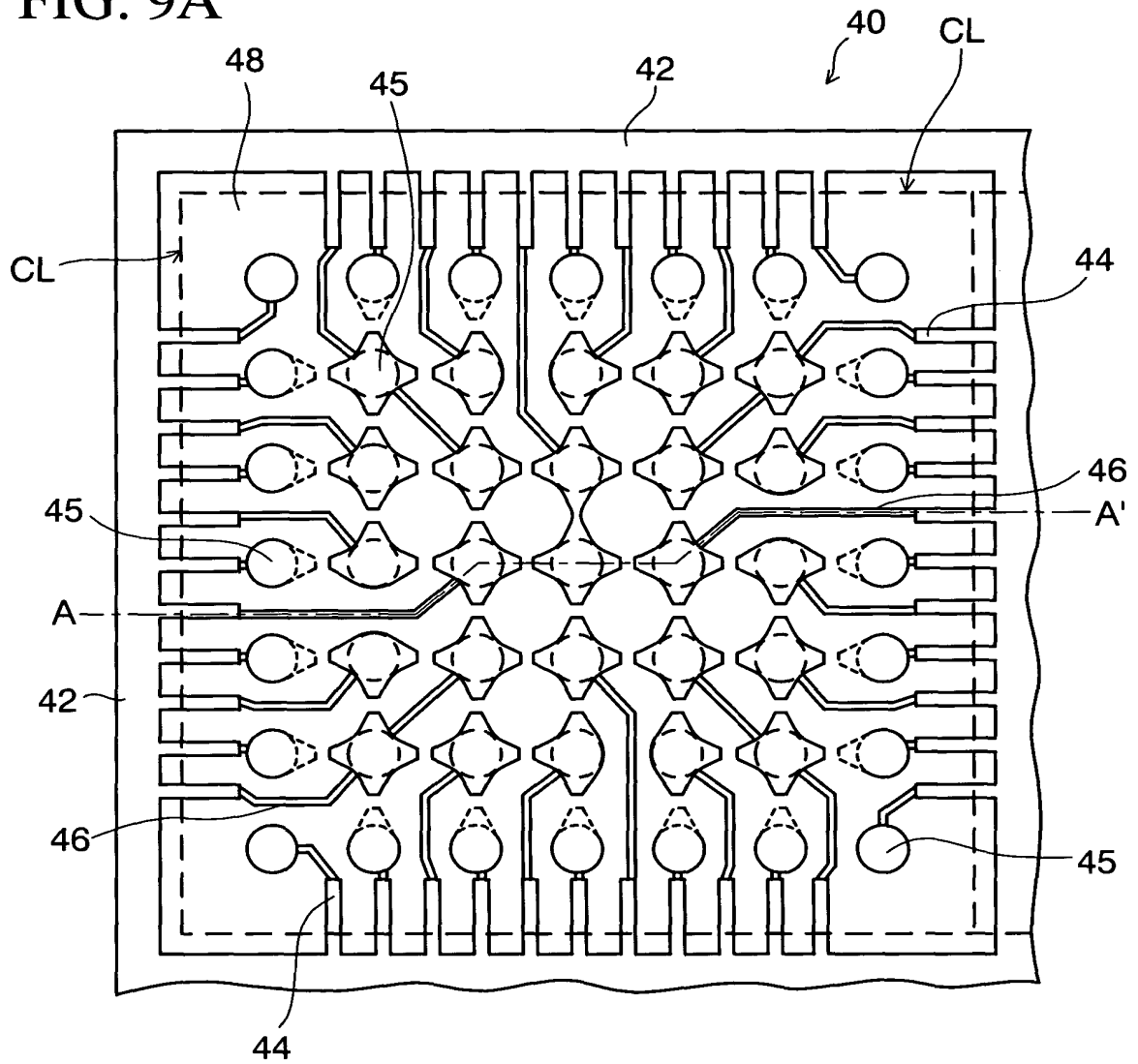


FIG. 9B

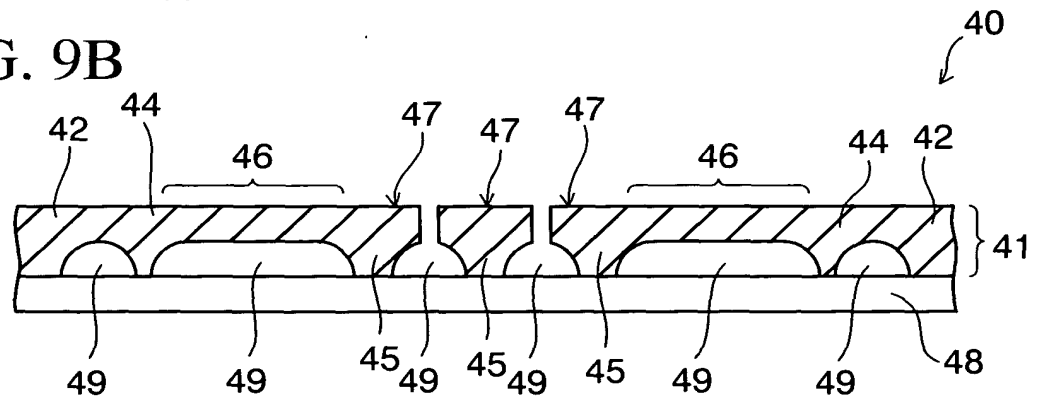


FIG. 10

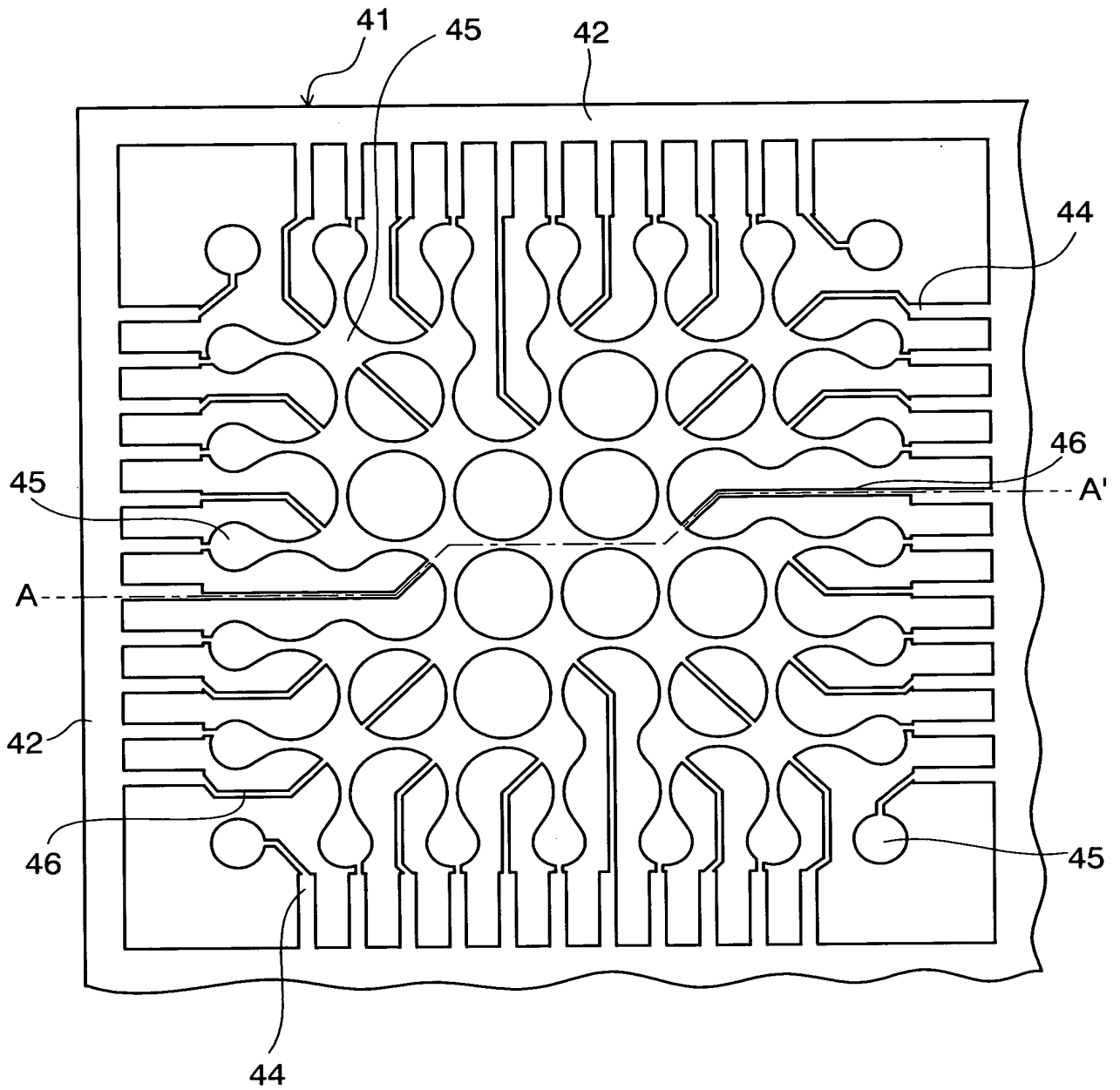


FIG. 11A

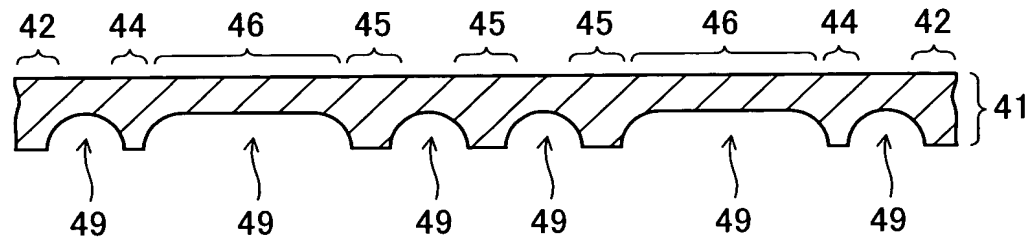


FIG. 11B

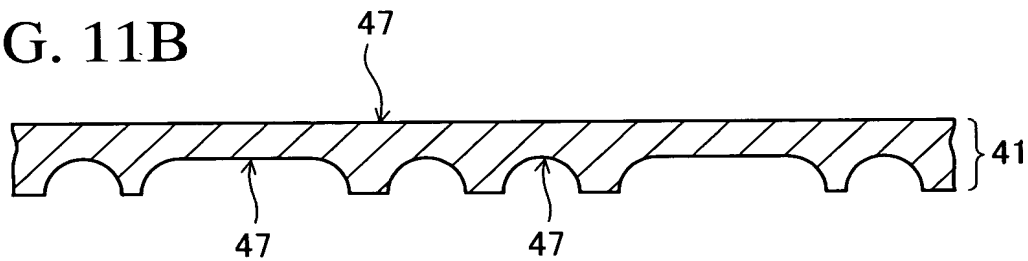


FIG. 11C

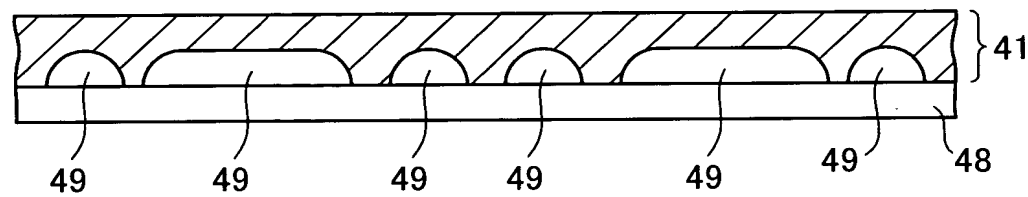


FIG. 11D

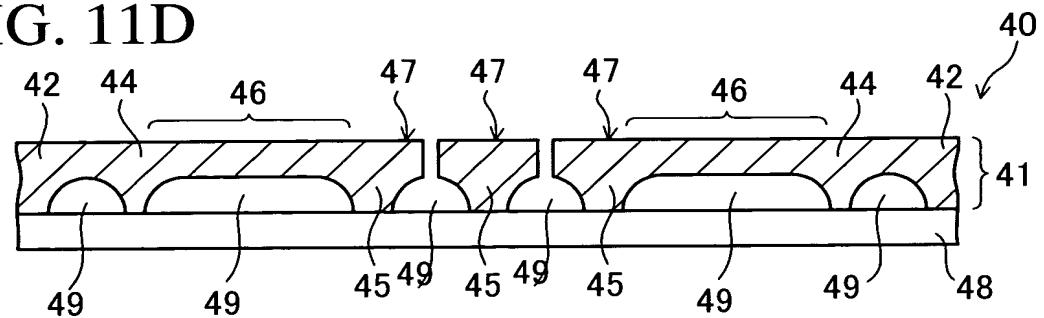


FIG. 12A

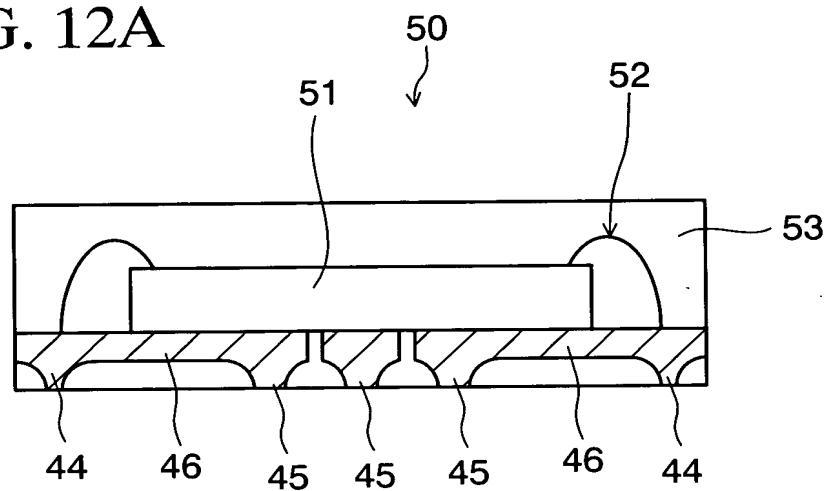


FIG. 12B

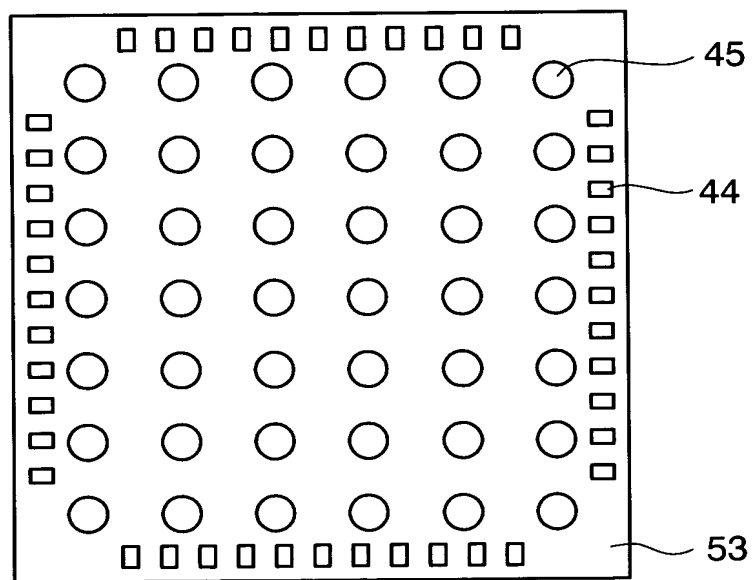


FIG. 13A

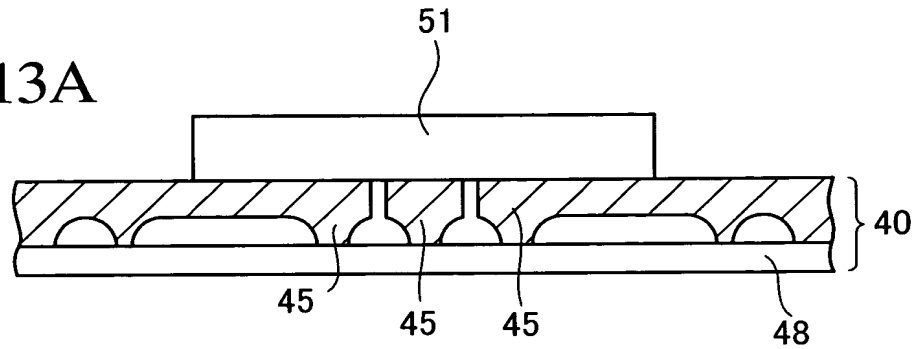


FIG. 13B

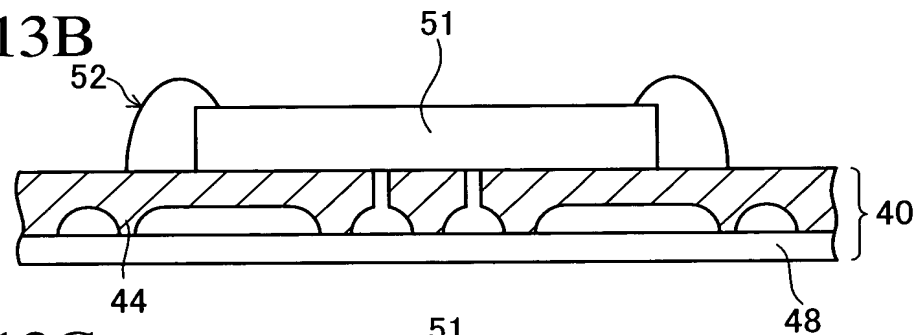


FIG. 13C

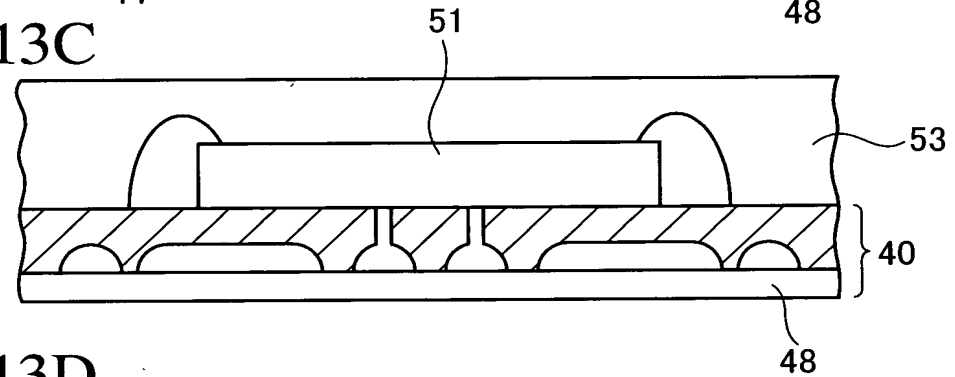


FIG. 13D

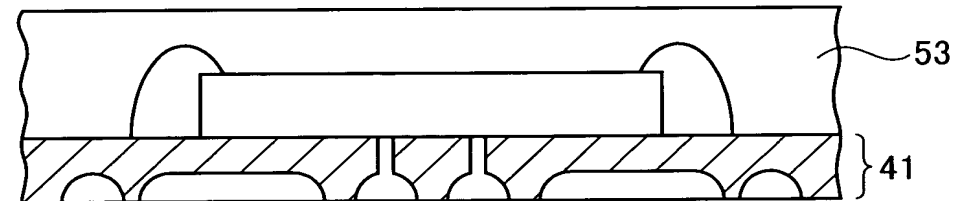


FIG. 13E

